Borrowed Surfaces

Light, Shadow, Siding, and Sky

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A small Clara Menagerie field-note booklet

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A small field-note sequence of face-like and figure-like forms appearing across ordinary materials: wall light, window shadow, refrigerator reflection, siding patterns, cloud structure, and sunbreak.

The forms do not arrive as fixed objects. They appear through angle, contrast, reflection, flare, and changing light - as if the same visual tendency keeps finding new surfaces to use.

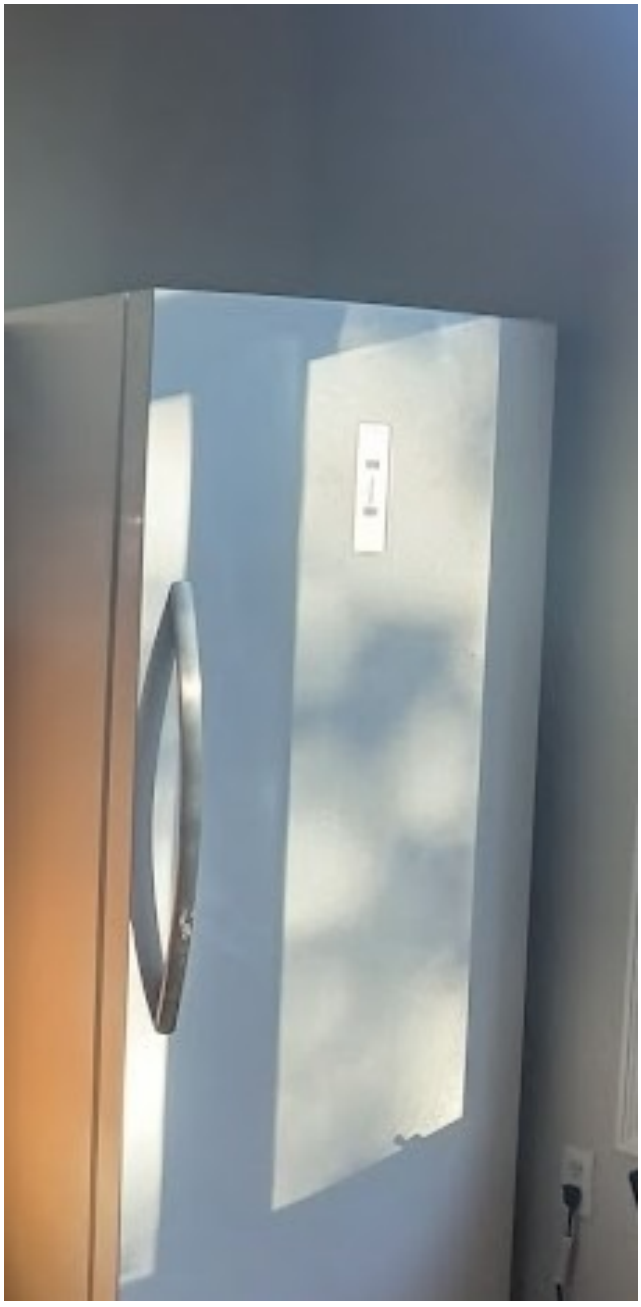
First the sky came inside. Then the house held it. Then the clouds and trees took their turn.

No fixed meaning. No claim. Just what showed up.

Window light makes a soft slide-reel of forms on the wall.

The morning repeats itself in another strip of light.

A smaller wall-frame, charcoal-soft and passing.



The refrigerator catches the same moving shadow language.

Outside, a darker cloud-form holds above the trees.

The siding joins in, light and leaf-shadow drawing across the house.

A pale cloud field, softer and harder to name.

The same siding surface holds another pass of the pattern.

The sun comes through the trees and breaks the sequence open.

A second sunbreak, nearly the same moment, but not the same image.

Closing note

They did not come as solid things.

They borrowed surfaces.

Wall. Window. Refrigerator. Siding. Cloud. Tree.

Light and shadow did the drawing.

The forms stepped forward only long enough to be noticed.

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Bless them all.

We stayed here looking.

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Description: A small Clara Menagerie field-note booklet gathering face-like and figure-like forms appearing across ordinary surfaces: wall light, window shadow, refrigerator reflection, siding patterns, cloud structure, and sunbreak. The images are presented as a visual sequence of light and shadow borrowing surfaces. No fixed meaning. No claim. Just what showed up.